

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 09-34

Introduced by Council President Boniface at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 09-31 Date November 3, 2009

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 9-201, Powers and duties, of Article XXXVI, Division of Emergency Operations, of Part 4, Administrative Offices and Agencies, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for the adoption of the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact in accordance with the Maryland Public Safety Code Annotated § 14-803.

By the Council, November 3, 2009

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: December 1, 2009

at: 6:00 pm

By Order: Barbara G. O'Connor, Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on December 1, 2009, and concluded on December 1, 2009.

Barbara G. O'Connor, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that Section 9-201, Powers and duties, of Article XXXVI, Division of Emergency Operations, of Part 4, Administrative Offices and Agencies, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended, be, and it is hereby, repealed and reenacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:

**Chapter 9. Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies**

**Part 4. Administrative Offices and Agencies**

**Article XXXVI. Division of Emergency Operations**

**§ 9-201. Powers and duties.**

The Division of Emergency Operations shall be responsible for:

- A. Receiving and handling all 911 telephone calls in the County;
- B. Transferring requests for police service to the Maryland State Police or municipal police agencies, when appropriate;
- C. Receiving and dispatching requests for the volunteer fire and emergency medical service, rescue service, and service from the Sheriff's office;
- D. Providing and maintaining telecommunication services and equipment for the Sheriff's office, and the volunteer fire and emergency medical service;
- E. Managing and implementing all emergency plans for major emergencies and disasters;
- F. Commanding and controlling the hazardous materials response team;
- G. Acting as liaison with volunteer fire companies which serve the County, and the Harford County Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Association;
- H. Managing and maintaining a communications system used by the volunteer fire and emergency medical service, rescue service, law enforcement personnel, and Sheriff's office;
- I. Controlling and coordinating the County's response to major emergencies and disasters; [and]
- J. ACTING AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF HARFORD COUNTY FOR PURPOSES OF PARTICIPATING IN THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT


1 ASSISTANCE COMPACT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ANNOTATED CODE OF  
2 MARYLAND, PUBLIC SAFETY TITLE 14 – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, SUBTITLE  
3 8 – MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT, AS  
4 AMENDED; AND

5 [J.] K. Performing such other functions as may be directed by the County Executive, by legislative  
6 action of the County Council, or by other applicable laws or regulations.

7 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date  
8 it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: February 2, 2010

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that  
fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available for  
distribution to the public and the press.*

  
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Council Administrator

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 09-34

Brief Title Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT**

Barbara J. O'Connor  
Council Administrator

Date December 1, 2009

**ENROLLED**

Billy Bonface  
Council President

Date December 1, 2009

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 09-34

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

Barbara J. O'Connor  
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

Barbara J. O'Connor  
Council Administrator

**BY THE EXECUTIVE**

David R. Craig  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date December 4, 2009

**BY THE COUNCIL**



This Bill No. 09-34 having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on December 4, 2009

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 2, 2010

Barbara J. O'Connor  
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Council Administrator